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The Uprising Near Manila.

The meagre news published yesterday of a rupture between the Americans and the Filipinos is confirmed by official dispatches to the government.

Admiral Dewey says in his official dispatch that the insurgents were the aggressors and were repulsed by the American army and naval forces.

The feeling at Washington is one of surprise, as there was reason to believe that tact could prevent hostilities until after the treaty was confirmed.

It is now believed that the effect of the news will insure the ratification of the treaty this afternoon.

Delay has been in a measure responsible for the affair, for the insurgents seem to have taken advantage of the doubtful situation.

Until all the facts of the outbreak are known it will be hard to form an estimate of what will be the outcome.

Certainly Dewey and Otis seem to have the matter well in hand and will hold it. It will not be hard to subject the insurgent forces.

A point in diplomacy arises in the fact that as the peace treaty has not been ratified and the terms carried out the Philippines are still, to all intents and purposes, Spanish possessions.

and the insurgents are in the attitude of reopening the hostilities against Spain. This opens up a problem which will have to be dealt with, but in the meantime the belligerents must be quieted by the American forces, which are in military control.

Developments in the situation, both in the Philippines and in Washington, will be awaited with interest and anxiety. If the treaty is ratified to-day matters will assume better shape so far as the position of this country is concerned.

A Novel Question.

Elsewhere will be found a decision of a novel question raised in the circuit court of Harrison county, the opinion being rendered by Hon. John W. Mason, sitting as judge.

The article accompanying the decision, which will be appealed to the supreme court, explains fully the nature of the case. The question involved is, whether or not a man loses his citizenship in the state by enlisting in the volunteer service of his country in a time of war, the defendant in the case being a member of the First West Virginia regiment, he having left with the regiment last spring at the outbreak of the war.

The complainant in an attachment suit against the volunteer alleged that he was not a resident of the state. Incidentally it may be stated that the regiment having been mustered out Saturday, the volunteer is en route home at this time.

Judge Mason's decision is upon a question which has doubtless never been raised before, and is interesting from the plain practical manner in which it is rendered. The point raised against the defendant certainly was a peculiar one, when based on the theory that a volunteer soldier who enlists in the service for a brief term, without any intention of giving up his citizenship, merely going away with the state troops to return when his services are no longer needed. Under such a theory the members of the entire volunteer army would have forfeited their citizenship of the various states of the union from which they enlisted, and we would be confronted with a fine state of affairs.

The Peace Treaty Opposition.

To-day is set for the time to take the vote in the senate on the question of the ratification of the peace treaty. On the eve of the taking of the vote it is not known whether the necessary two-thirds will be given. It may be that the vote will not be taken promptly on account of objections from the opposition, and the desire of Jones, of Arkansas, and Allen, of Nebraska, to make speeches, Allen being understood to be the spokesman for Mr. Bryan. There will be two hours for debate, however, and this may suffice.

In this connection Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, whose democracy, as well as whose position on the question of expansion, is so well known, sounded a warning to his Democratic colleagues on Saturday. It was something in the line of what Mr. Allen proposes to do, as it is alleged that the latter will denounce the opposition to the treaty in the Democratic ranks as a conspiracy against Mr. Bryan. Mr. Morgan said that it was his conviction that the treaty would be ratified without amendment or modifying declaration. The Associated Press report of the Alabama senator's remarks quotes him as

saying that the American commissioners to the Paris conference had acted very wisely and in the best interests of the whole country, and that he, for one, was willing to accept their work just as they had given it to us. He was also "willing to trust the President, aided, as he would be, by Congress, to take care of the Philippine question in the way most satisfactory to our own people and in the interest of the Philippines."

Mr. Morgan warned the Democrats against taking a position against the treaty, asserting that they would thereby, if the treaty were defeated, wreck the party. There is a great deal of truth in this position, and Senator Morgan expresses the situation well. The question of the government and the disposal of the Philippines is not settled by the adoption of the treaty, the rejection of which would place us in a bad light before other nations, would complicate all that this country has done, reopen the whole question between the United States and Spain and render us guilty of bad faith.

The people of the United States never would endorse such a conclusion. They have confidence in the ability of their own country to deal with all questions involved in carrying out our obligations—questions that are necessarily not settled by the treaty. The treaty ends the war by the granting of our demands, and leaves the matters pertaining to what we shall do with the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Cuba wholly with Congress and the President. Spain will not be a party to these matters beyond the guarantee of Spanish rights provided for in the treaty.

The Kidd-Morris Recount.

The recount of the Wood county ballots in the Kidd-Morris contest by the senate committee at Parkersburg Saturday showed that Morris' majority was 495 instead of 425, a gain for him of 70 votes. By a dispatch elsewhere it will be found that the committee found the rejected or contested ballots exactly as reported in the notice of contest, thus showing that there had been no manipulation of the ballots in the meantime, and they were so identified. The recount according to the intent of the voter made a gain for Kidd of 125 votes and for Morris of 196 votes, two-thirds of the ballots not counted being Republican votes. It appears that nearly six percent of all the votes cast in Wood county were rejected by the county court under the strict construction of the law.

Senator Smith, one of the senate committee, in speaking of the result, was right when he referred to the revelations made by the recount, when he declared that Morris had good grounds for a contest. His further suggestion, and one which the Intelligencer has frequently made, that there is need of an amended election law that will provide for the manifest intent of voters in the counting of ballots, is a good one. Under the strict construction of the law as it stands now thousands of legal votes in the state have been thrown out.

It seems that, in view of the unfortunate situations that have arisen from the last election, members of the legislature should realize the necessity of an amendment that will cover this objection and avert future troubles.

Justice to Grant's Son.

There seems to be a misapprehension in many parts of the country concerning the political belief of U. S. Grant, the son of General Grant, the Republican candidate for United States senator in California. It has been widely published that he is a free silver advocate and a supporter of Bryanism. Recently the New York Press, laboring under this impression, published the following editorial, similar to others that have been published:

In California there is almost a tie vote between two candidates, an and namesake of General Grant leading by one vote. This gentleman was a pronounced advocate of the free coinage of silver only two years ago. Even in California, where some Republicans ascribe to the St. Louis platform with mental reservation, it is doubtful if a state convention would have put before the people a man faithless to his father's policy and careless of his father's name.

The fact of the matter is that the son and namesake of General Grant has been confused with his other son, Jesse R. Grant, who is also living in California, and was a free silverite in 1896. Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., is a Republican and a gold man, and assisted in the framing of the St. Louis platform in the convention that nominated President McKinley. In writing to the Press to correct the wrong impression, Ira E. Bennett says that the Republicans of California last November wiped out the stain of Bryanism, and endorsed the national administration. "A large portion of them now seek to elect U. S. Grant, Jr., to the United States senate. In making this fight they should not be handicapped by the failure of Republicans elsewhere to cordially support them."

This ought to set everybody right. It is regrettable that one of General Grant's sons is not in line with his party, but he should not be confused with the one who is.

A great many imaginary publications are being made as to what is going to be done with General Miles by the President. The President doesn't seem to be personally taking any hand in any of the plans that are the subject of sensational dispatches. He is just and fair in his conduct toward all officers, and it is not at all likely that he favors any of the alleged moves to supplant the general, unless the board of inquiry should so recommend.

When Wheelingites awoke yesterday morning and found the heaviest snow of the season covering the earth there was considerable surprise. The temperature was not very low, but the snow was there, and the church-goers' ranks were somewhat depleted. Unless the weather moderates suddenly sleigh riding will be the order of the day.

Quay got another blank eye in the primary election at Lebanon for a successor to State Senator Gibson, when the anti-Quayites received 1,500 majority over the Quay candidate.

The delay in the ratification of the peace treaty is responsible for the trouble at Manila more than any other one thing. The Philippines have gotten it into their heads from certain ex-

pressions made here and the show of opposition to the treaty that they will be sustained in efforts to embarrass the government in the prosecution of the policy which has been pursued, and that the United States intends to pursue a policy which will deprive them of their rights. General Otis was undoubtedly correct when he declared in a dispatch to the war department that the ratification of the treaty would cause all opposition to the Americans to subside.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Political clubs are sometimes trumps. Fine feathers do not make fine birds for a people.

The epicure dislikes to waste his hunger on poor victuals.

Children are like jellies; as they are molded so they will turn out.

The cat may have nine lives, but fortunately it has no biographers.

America has no antiquities worth mentioning—with the exception of her jokes.

Help a man out of trouble and he will remember you when he gets into trouble again.

One little trouble may make us forget a dozen things we ought to be thankful for.

A capital idea for a writer is to have money enough in bank to enable him to write checks.

It is well to know thyself, and it is also well to know that the commercial agencies speak well of you.

The poor have but little show in this world. Some editors reject poems for no other reason than that they are poor.

A physician says that as a rule women live longer than men. We have frequently noticed that widows live longer than the men whose wives they were.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

The most kissable girls are the kind that are good at pretending they hate it.

A man can never understand how a woman who is undressed can have so little shame before her servants.

A man can think a lot more than he says, and a woman can say a lot more than she thinks.

After an argument it always makes a woman cry to think of something she might have said if she had only thought of it in time.

First of all, the serpent whispered in Eve's ear the joys of trimming a hat that would make the female monkeys die with envy.—New York Press.

A Roll of Honor.

New York Sun: These are the names of the Democratic senators who stand ready to vote to ratify the treaty of peace next Monday:

- Clay, of Georgia.
Faulkner, of West Virginia.
Gray, of Delaware.
Morgan, of Alabama.
Petkus, of Alabama.

It is a list well deserving of the lasting honor it will receive in the history of America. Especially does the patriotism of these senators command the applause of their countrymen because they are all from southern states.

They are Americans. They are proud of their country, its achievements and its glories, and they will vote to bring to it a richly earned peace and secure for it the prizes gallantly won in victorious war.

Moreover, they will presently go back among their constituents with more honor and individual appreciation than have in a long time fallen to any public man.

Prospering Under Gold Standard.

Detroit Journal: Rev. Sam Jones, the southern evangelist, in the prelude to a sermon in Hopkinsville, Ky., a few days ago, said that William J. Bryan, of Lincoln, Neb., paid \$8 35 in taxes in the year 1895, he—Sam Jones—having been thus informed in Lincoln. The mayor of Paducah, Ky., a 16 to 1 friend of Bryan's, did not believe the story. He obtained from Lincoln a statement that Bryan paid \$135 in taxes in 1896, \$241 in 1897, and \$222 in 1898. In reply, Rev. Sam Jones said it was nothing against Mr. Bryan's character, manhood or intelligence what taxes he paid. St. Paul paid less taxes than Bryan. If Bryan increased as fast from 1895 to 1896, as he did from 1896 to 1897—increasing being \$115—then Bryan did not pay much over \$8 35 in 1895. At any rate, concludes Rev. Sam Jones, he is surely prospering under the gold standard, for he paid nearly three times as much tax in 1898 as he did in 1896. Which shows again the sharpness of Rev. Sam Jones' tongue and his mathematical abilities.

Ground Hog is Sarcastic.

I'm sick of it!
And I have a right to
Kick, even if I am
Called a ground hog.

Every year just about this time
Some funny man gets up to crack
That early paleozoic joke
About me and my shadow.

I'm supposed to come up
And stand around for a few hours
Studying my shape.

And, as if that isn't idiotic enough,
Then I get all the blame if the
Fool weather's bad.

I wonder what it's supposed
I live for, anyway.

If I wanted to go into the weather bureau
Business
I guess an enterprising, up-to-date, modern
Woodchuck would have sense enough
To lay in a store of barometers, thermometers, aneroids, magnetic needles and other apparatus and do it scientifically.

And I bet I'd make as many mistakes
As the best
Weather man in the country, too.

If I didn't I'd take to opium,
Have pipe dreams and print them as
Official weather forecasts.

But this yarn about me and
My shadow makes me tired.
Did anybody ever see me standing
On my hind legs.

I like a blooming little kangaroo,
Rubber necking for shadows?
Not on your life.
I've got a little sense
If I am a ground hog.

And it's time to give
That ancient fiction
A rest.

—Chicago Daily News.

Cost of Nicaragua Canal.

The estimates as to the cost of constructing the Nicaragua Canal vary from \$115,000,000 to \$150,000,000. How different are the estimates of the people as to the value of Huxtable's Stomach Bitters for stomach, liver, blood and kidney diseases. It is agreed everywhere that this remedy is unsurpassed for indigestion, biliousness, constipation, nervousness and sleeplessness. It is such an agreeable medicine to take. It tastes good as well as does good.

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A FAIR INQUIRY

In the Kidd-Morris Case—What the Recount in Wood Shows.

Parkersburg State Journal: The special committee from the state senate was here to-day to recount the excepted ballots for state senator in this county. These ballots were all described in the notice of contest or counter-notice and number over three hundred in all. The silly and vicious charge that these ballots, which were all regularly noted, described and excepted to on the recount had by the county court, could by any villainy be changed or manipulated, is an insult to the intelligence of the committee and the honor of the county clerk. It is a part of the Democratic conspiracy to throw mud at everybody and every person, unless they submit to the Democratic thefts of Dunnington's, Via's and Brohard's seats in the house. The recount of these disputed ballots in Wood county showed that Mr. Morris was deprived of a number of votes on which only one ballot clerk had written his name on the back of the ballot, instead of both clerks as required by law. Also a large number of other ballots were not counted either for Kidd or Morris, when the intent of the voter was clearly manifested. The recount of these excepted ballots was asked as a matter of fair play—but it raised a fearful Democratic howl all the same. If this election contest, growing out of imperfectly marked ballots, leads to no other result than a modification and reform of our present ballot laws it will not have been in vain. Any law which disfranchises nearly six per cent of all the voters taking part in the election in Wood county needs amending and reforming.

Depends on Point of View.

Louisville Courier Journal: The Kentuckian who said "politics is hell," was both truthful and epigrammatic; but hell is of vast geographic dimensions and picturesque possibilities. It depends upon the point of view. Heaven being described in the political vernacular as office, the political definition of hell becomes simple and easy.

The Hopeless.

"Cheer up!" "Cheer up!" the sparrows chirp;
The clock ticks out, "Hope on!" "Hope on!"
And in the sky a crimson splash
Proclaims the nearness of the dawn.

Ah, let him who has sown the seeds
That shall bring forth a crop some day
Cheer up and hope and look ahead
For blessings that may come his way.

But I that let fair days go by
And set no seedlings out to grow—
Alas, what cause to hope have I?
What cause to hail the morning's glow?

"Cheer up!" "Cheer up!" the sparrows chirp;
The clock ticks out, "Hope on!" "Hope on!"
And here has a growing crop
May hail the coming of the dawn.

—S. E. Kiser.

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